



ISTR Africa Regional Conference in Accra, Ghana, April 19 - 20, 2016

Venue: Mensvic Grand Hotel, Accra

Theme: “Civil Society and a Renascent Africa: A Stock Taking”

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Time	Duration	Session	Resource Persons
DAY ONE: 19 APRIL 2016			
08:30 – 09:30	30 min	Arrival and registration of participants	
09:30 – 10:30	60 min	Opening session: Welcome & Introduction	Nana Asantewa Afadzinu, WACSI Prof. Paul Dekker, Former Board Member, ISTR Prof. Francis Dodoo, IAS, University of Ghana Theo Sowa, Executive Director, AWDF Isaac Hubert Arthur, WACSI
09:30 – 10:00	30 min	Welcome address	
10:00 – 10:30	30 min	Keynote Address “Civil Society and a Renascent Africa; A Stock Taking”	
10:30 – 10:35	5 min	Overview of agenda and objectives	
10:35 – 11:00	30 min	Tea and coffee break	
11:00 – 13:00		Session 1: Civil Society and Development in Africa	Nana Asantewa Afadzinu, WACSI Amy Oyekunle, (Discussant) Gideon Boako, University of Witwatersrand (Discussant)
11:00 – 11:15	15 min	Chair’s Opening Remarks	
11:15 – 11:35	20 min	Paper – Civil Society in Africa as a conduit for development through the promotion of peace (Kenneth Aikins, Author)	
11:35 – 11:50	20 min	Paper- State-Civil Society relations in the era of neo-liberal reforms: An assessment of the struggle in the pension reforms in Nigeria, 2004-2014 (Okoli Rowland Chukwuma, Author)	
11:50- 12:10	20 min	Discussions	
12:10 – 12:30	20 min	Chair’s summary	

12:30 – 13:00	30 min	Plenary discussion: Questions, Answers & contributions	
13:00 – 14:00		Lunch	
14:00 – 15:30		Panel Discussion: The Significance of the Women's Movement in Africa: Successes and Challenges	
14:00- 14:15	15 min	Chair's Opening Remarks	Dr. Rose Mensah-Kutin, Abantu for Development
14:15 - 14:30	15 min	Panel Member	Prof. Dzodzi Tsikata, ISSER
14:30 – 14:45	15 min	Panel Member	Sefora Marcelle Kodjo, Sephis, MWF
14:45 – 15:00	15 min	Panel Member	Mirabel Nfihkela Ngong, MWF
15:00– 15:15	15 min	Panel Member	Mawuli Dake, Moremi Institute
15:10– 16:00	15 min	Panel Member	Saajida Shiraz, Milead Fellow
16:00 – 16:15	15 min	Chair's summary	Dr. Rose Mensah-Kutin, Abantu for Development
16:15 – 17:00	45 min	Plenary discussion: Questions, Answers & contributions	
17:00 –	30 min	Closing of day one and Tea Break	
18:00 – 20:00	60 min	Group Dinner and Networking	
DAY TWO: 20 APRIL 2016			
08:30 – 09:30	30 min	Arrival and registration of participants	
09:30– 10:00	30 min	RECAP of DAY 1	
10:00– 10:30	30 min	Keynote Address “Civil Society and Philanthropy in Africa”	Dr. Bhekinkosi Moyo, Southern Africa Trust
10:30– 11:00	30 min	Tea and Coffee Break	
11:00– 13:00		Session 3: Modelling the influential impact of CSOs in Africa	
11:00 – 11:15	15 min	Chair's Opening Remarks	Dr. Yao Graham, TWN-Africa
11:15 – 11:30	15 min	Paper – The role of civil society in strengthening the impact of community based volunteering in Korogocho, Nairobi (George Awalla, Author)	George Bimpeh (Discussant)

11:30 – 11:45	15 min	Paper- Civil Society and Democratic Governance in Nigeria's Fourth Republic: A historical reflection (Abah Danladi, Author)	Prof. L. Tlou, CRIA (Discussant)
11:45 – 12:00	15 min	Paper- Society in protest: Social Movements and Resistance to economic Neoliberalism (Kehinde Olayode, Author)	Kanio Gbala Esq., Trust Africa (Discussant)
12:00 – 12:15	15 min	Discussions	
12:15 – 12:25	20 min	Chair's Summary	Dr. Yao Graham, TWN Africa
12:25 – 12:40	15 min	Plenary discussion: Questions, Answers & contributions	
12:40 – 13:00	20 min		
13:00 – 14:00	60 min	Lunch	
14:00 – 16:00	120 min	Session 4: Sustaining Civil Society in Africa	
14:00- 14:15	15 min	Chair's Opening Remarks	Father John Patrick Ngoyi, JDPC, Nigeria
14:15 – 14:35	20 min	Paper- A critical appraisal of the importance and constraints of civil society organisations in the Democratic Governance in Nigeria (Sholagbade Abiola)	Titi Mamattah, TAM Advisories (Discussant)
14:35 – 14:55	20 min	Paper – Civil Society strengthening and sustainability in Africa (Omolara Balogun)	Roosa Jolkkonen, University of Oxford (Discussant)
14:55 – 15:20	25 min	Discussants	
15:20 – 15:30	10 min	Chair's summary	Father John Patrick Ngoyi, JDPC, Nigeria
15:30 – 16:00	30 min	Plenary discussion: Questions, Answers & contributions	
16:00 – 17:00	60 min	Session 5: Publishing Workshop	
16:00 – 16:30	30 min	Presentation - Steps to Getting your Research Published	Dr. Paul Dekker, Former ISTR board member and editor of the Book Series:

16:30 – 17:00	30 min	Questions & Answers	Non-profit and Civil Society Studies: An International Multidisciplinary Series
17:00 –		Session 6: Moving Forward and Closing Remarks	Prof. Paul Dekker, ISTR Nana Afadzinu, WACSI

